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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. REQUEST POST OBTAIN HMG APPROVAL SOONEST FOR NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (COMMERCE DEPT) SHIP WHITING TO OPERATE WATERS UK-VIRGIN IS.

2. WHITING, USG COASTAL SURVEY VESSEL, NOW IN VIRGIN IS. AREA CONDUCTING HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS (15 FEB TO MAY 15) TO FULFILL US NAUTICAL CHARTING REQUIREMENTS: IMPROVEMENT AND UPDATE EXISTING CHARTS PUBLISHED BY NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY. ALTHOUGH VESSEL MISSION IS SURVEY OF USVI, VESSEL SHOULD HAVE APPROVAL ENTER UK WATERS AS NECESSARY TO INSURE ADEQUACY AND COMPLETENESS SURVEY. ALSO HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF SMALL PARTY SHIP'S FORCE CAN GO ASHORE TOBAGO ISLAND FROM TIME TO TIME TO INSTALL/MAINTAIN ELECTRONIC POSITIONING EQUIPMENT TO CONTROL SURVEY. GEAR IS PORTABLE, BATTERY OPERATED, SUPER HIGH FREQUENCY (SHF) TRANSPONDER (GIGAHERTZ RANGE). EQUIPMENT DESIGNED OPERATE UNATTENDED, IS LOW POWERED AND OPERATION PRESENTS NO HAZARDS. SUBSEQUENT VISITS WILL BE NECESSARY REPLACE

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BATTERIES.

3. COMMANDING OFFICER IS CDR R. A. TRAUSCHKE. THE
164 FT, 760 TON VESSEL CARRIES AN OFFICER/CREW COMPLEMENT
OF 38. DATA OBTAINED WILL ASSIST IN UPDATING CHARTS AS
SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

4. EXACT DATES ENTRY UK WATERS, OR TOBAGO VISITS, HINGE
ON WORK PROGRESS AND CANNOT BE PREDICTED. AS VESSEL
ALREADY IN AREA, HOWEVER, SPEEDY APPROVAL WOULD FACILI-
TATE OPERATIONS AND BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. DESIRABLE IF
POST CAN OBTAIN NAME AND NUMBER LOCAL OFFICIAL WHO MIGHT
BE IN POSITION ASSIST WHITING REQUESTS CONCERNING LOCAL
INFORMATION, AVAILABILITY VEHICLES, ETC. INGERSOLL

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